AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Amended) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session, the voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said distributed system comprising:

-        a client device constituting an originating point of the voice communication session;

-        a plurality of servers capable to be placed in a data communicative relationship with said client device, each server being capable to establishing a data exchange transaction with the client device to execute a certain function of the voice communication session, each server being characterized in that it establishes a data exchange transaction with said client device in a manner autonomous from a data exchange transaction between said client device and a different server.

2.   (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session as defined in claim 1, wherein each server includes a computing apparatus.

3.   (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session as defined in claim 2, wherein said computing apparatus includes a processor in a data communicative relationship with a memory, said memory including a program element executed by said processor to implement an event of the communication session.

4.   (Original)   A private branch exchange network to permit establishing of internal and external voice communication sessions, each voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said private branch exchange network including:

-       a plurality of servers in a data communicative relationship, each server capable of interacting autonomously from other servers with telephone instruments connected to said network to execute a certain function of a voice communication session;

-       said plurality of servers including a PSTN access server to connect said network and the PSTN for establishment of external voice communication sessions.

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Amended) A method for establishing a voice communication session, the voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said method comprising:

-    providing a client device at which the communication session originates;

-    providing a plurality of servers, each server being capable to interact with said client device to execute a certain function of the voice communication session; and

-    establishing a plurality of autonomous data exchange transactions between said client device and said servers to execute a series of functions permitting establishment of [[a]] the voice communication session.

8.   (Original) A method as defined in claim 7, wherein the establishment of a data exchange transaction between said client device and a server comprises the exchange of data packets between said client device and the server.

9.   (Original) A method as defined in claim 8, wherein said data packets are IP data packets.